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but preferably alive

As you can see by the content of this newspaper we need a new Editor, a new Associate Editor, a new Business Manager. Qualified applicants should contact the editors now. RUSH

As well, other positions are open

on Fall Royal Committee, C.C. Committee, Carnival Committee. These should be submitted before March 7th. Nominations for External Vice-president and Board of Governors are still open until March 11th.

TRAVELLING SOON?

Will travel soon be catered only for the rich? Will the family that eats together, travel together? These are questions most often asked by those deciding on whether to take that giant step into the Montreal International Airport, the Voyageur Bus Station, or the 2&20. But, let's be serious. Taking a trip, whether legal or illegal, is a major decision, for there is considerable risk involved. There are many extras that are not included for the price of the ticket. Air, sea, and land piracies, shoot-outs at airports, and general hysteria make up for the exorbitant price of the fare. (The best things in life are free!) Really, folks, the intention of this article is not to keep you at home, but to encourage you to pack up your knapsack sow on a Canadian flag, pin a maple leaf to your lapel, do a few finger exercises, and you're off.

This may sound simple on paper, but you try drawing finger exercises! There are definitely basic steps to follow when preparing to go to Europe, for example. First make contact with a reputable travel agency that caters especially to students interested in low cost all inclusive tours: Call 849-2374 for information concerning Tourbec Le Bureau de Tourisme des Etudiants du Québec Inc. on page 1718 of the Montreal Phone Directory.

Actually, see Canada first. If you can form an economically disadvantaged group, or are from a remote or isolated region you may apply for a travel and exchange grant. More details can be sought by writing to 1080 Beaver Hall Hill, Room 2101, Mtl. or call 283-5689, re: Mr. Marcoux.

However, if your idea is more in the trucking about and related areas, then you would be interested in the 145 incredible vacation and travel bargains on college campuses described in a guide that you can send for: Mort Barish Associates, Inc. Research Park, State Road, Princeton, N.J. 08540. While you're still licking stamps, you'll probably be interested in a pocket size pamphlet listing all the youth hostels across Canada. Contact Youth Hostels Assn (Candn), 1324a Sherbrooke W. 842-9048. If you want to meet people outside of Macdonald College,

then read further. There is a program entitled Contact Canada which is an international youth exchange program operated in Canada by the Department of the Secretary of State. The aim of Contact Canada is to provide an opportunity for young Canadians, between ages of 18-23, and foreign youths to mutually broaden their knowledge of Canada and to get to know one another. If this tickles your fancy, write to: Contact Canada, Travel and Exchange Division, Department of the Secretary of State, 130 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0M5.

On the other hand, it is presumptuous to assume that all of you intending to leave home soil will be taking to the road or the friendly skies. The Queen Elizabeth 2, weighing 65,863 tons, 963' long, 105' wide, maximum draught of 32'6", with a service speed of 28.5 knots, deck space of 54,000 sq. ft. and a staff of 940, is now booking reservations for her Premiere World Cruise. For eighty days from New York, a limited group will board the Queen Elizabeth 2, on January 10, 1975 begin a voyager's odyssey never before experienced. Tariffs range from \$86,240 (per person) to 4,800 (deck 5 - you'll be manning the sails). Facilities on board are numerous: religious services, newstand. Daily Programme of Events, Laundry Service drugstore, ship to shore telephone, mail-box, medical attention and a library (to catch up on all that studying you'd be missing). However, animals will not be accepted for transportation on this cruise. Write to: Mr. Vaughn Rickard, Queen Elizabeth 2 World Cruise, N.Y. 10007 if you would like the deck plan.

Getting back to the subject at hand, it is important that you plan in advance your itinerary. It is best to deal directly with the travel company to find out rates. Study up on the countries you are planning to visit. Be aware of their political situation, as well as energy shortage. Most importantly, experience something wonderful. Go by the bus, go by metro; next year in Jerusalem. Have a happy holiday. Much love....

Marilyn Rabin



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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th, 1974

Report on the S.E.S.C. meeting

The Senate Environmental Studies Committee (SESC) was set up three years ago to review McGill's environmental courses and to recommend possible changes or new programs. The most active participant was Dr. B. Warkentin, who was named Director of Environmental Studies in June 1973.

Since then, the committee has been in a state of official limbo, but was reconvened recently in order to review a set of new courses proposed for next year. Also present were some of the course instructors.

As it appears now, new courses in Technogy and En-

viroment (a survey course similar to our Physical and Biological Effects of Pollution), in Future Forecasting, and a computer simulation course will be new entries in next year's calendar. A geography elective and a philosophy course will be listed as having significant environmental content. Additionally, a Continuing Education course in Environmental Law will be offered.

With a budget of about \$2000 remaining, a series of seminars deficient in Nutrition and Food is planned, with speakers on urban studies, futurology, conservation, and so on.

Significantly, none of the proposed course changes, and none of the seminars, would take place at Macdonald College. In fact, one proposed course on World Agriculture by Professor Stepler would be taught in Montreal, despite its relevance here at Mac.

It seems unfair that in spite of the strong emphasis on Environmental Studies at Macdonald, none of the seminar budget would be spent at this site. At least, videotapes or buses should be made available.

The question of moving Macdonald College was brought up, and two scenarios were proposed. First, if we stayed at the St. Anne de Bellevue site, inevitably there would be duplication and competition between campuses. Dr. Warken-

tin felt the environmental programmes would suffer as a result. On the other hand, a move downtown would probably give the Macdonald faculty control over the total environmental program. The faculty would most likely change its emphasis to Food and Resource Use, while abandoning production agriculture. It seems that the McGill campus is rather deficient in Nutrition and Food Science courses at this point. On the negative side, we run the risk of stepping on a lot of toes, since there are already plenty of physicists, chemists and biologist at McGill.

Finally, a general discussion ensued on the subject: Where do we go from here? The consensus seemed to be that the environmental craze has hit its peak, and the students are once again looking for specialized courses leading to specific professions. Employers were said to be looking for specialists rather than generalists, although no really worthwhile follow-up study on McGill graduates has been done to substantiate this. The trend in research grants is toward team efforts, and here an overall view rather than specialization is encouraged.

Altogether, it can be predicted that special environmental courses should endure for another decade or so, after which time they will recombine with the seperate disciplines.

Bob Ames

COMING EVENTS

Monday to Wednesday: March 4-6

Department of Microbiology Evening Seminar Series: Somatic Cell Genetics by Dr. Louis Siminovitch, Dept. of Medical Genetics, University of Toronto. Further details may be obtained from the Microbiology Dept.

Thursday, March 7

Dept. of Agricultural Chemistry: Research Seminar: Food and Human Ecology by Dr. Paul Simms of Canada Agriculture. Room C150 Chemistry Building, 11:00 A.M.

Saturday, March 9

Calypso Dance featuring the Playboys Steel Band. Time: 9 p.m. - 3 a.m. Place: C.C. Ballroom. Price: \$2.00 now or \$2.50 at door. West Indian food and drink also sold.

Saturday & Sunday, March 9-10

Trip to Guelph for their 50th Royal; if interested, contact A.U.S. executive; \$15.00 for bus and motel, or \$11.00 for just the bus. If enough people stay at the motel, those paying \$11.00 may have part refunded.

Thursday, March 14

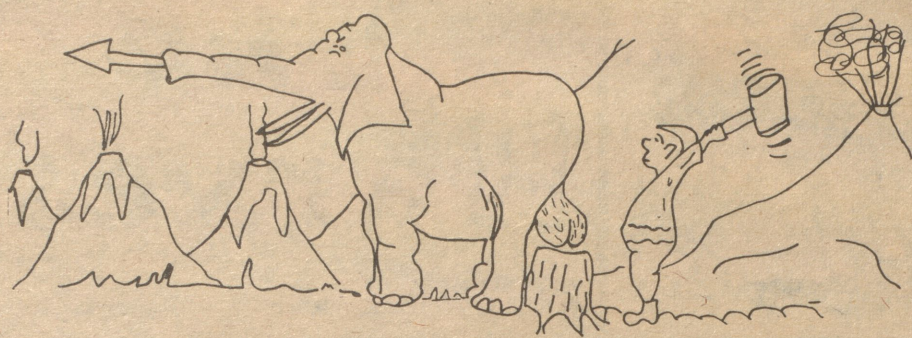
Dept. of Agricultural Chemistry: Research Seminar: The Casein Micelle by Mr. Muhammed Siddique Amin of Macdonald College. Rm. C150 Chemistry Bldg. 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 16

Catharine Trail Naturalists' Club: field trip to the Lyman Museum and the McGill Herbarium. Time: 10:00 a.m. Place: Main door of Biology Bldg.

participation at mac

In this article we wish to reflect the intensity of student participation at Macdonald.



" FIRST HEAVY ARTILLERY ENGINEERED "

RIM RAM GOD DAWN

Now that I have your attention, I would like to fill you in on some of the recent activities of our Student Council.

Having attended the last Council meeting I found out that they are discussing a change in next year fees. All partial and special students will have to pay activities fees which will be calculated on the basis of credits being taken. This is only logical since we were getting ripped off previously by the partials who only taking one course got the full benefit of our athletics program which they did not contribute in the least. Tuition fees are also due for an increase; a slight increase... OK; but what I did not know is that the Dips have a 300% increase. From approximately 100 dollars per year they will have to pay 400 (including activities fees) next term. Surely Council can do something to reduce the figure to a more palatable level... and at the same time don't you Dips get off your asses and make some noise, so that Council can hear you are concerned!

Also on the agenda was a confirmation on the procedure for nomination and election of next year's Student Council.

Following this, discussion about the need of a Public relation Officer which centered around whether this position would really be an allowed P.R. man or a glorified Recruiting Officer. They were thinking of spending 5,000 dollars of Student's Council money to hire the guy if the Administration did not show enough enthusiasm to the idea.

I think what concerns Mac students most are development in our position with respect to future campuses and the McGill Administration. Before I knew it, confidential session was acclaimed and I was kicked out. I can't agree with this; as this is information will not reach the student body while it is being discussed. We will only hear about it after it is to late to voice our opinions and has been finally decided and "rubber stamped".

I was invited back in after the session to listen to a remotion in the discussion of the P.R. Officer which was immediately tabled. They thought that maybe at the next meeting they would have enough information to come to a decision. Upon this note the meeting was ended.

Maybe it was coincidental that my presence and the fact

that it was the shortest meeting of this term happened at the same time. In any case, we do need more information as to what is being resolved by Council.

Ted Coates

writing competition

College and university students can win up to \$1000.00 (plus an expense paid, round trip to Hollywood, California).

Both graduate and undergraduate students between the ages of 18 and 25 are invited to enter the national DRUG ENLIGHTENMENT PROGRAM College and University Script Writing Competition for "The New Radio".

The competition consists in writing a half-hour educational, entertaining, dramatic, radio script on the drug problem.

The DRUG ENLIGHTENMENT PROGRAM will use 13 winning scripts to produce a new, national radio series for public service broadcast. (The series will be available free of charge to all radio stations in the United States and Canada.)

13 cash prizes will be awarded: ranging from FIRST PRIZE of \$1000.00 (plus a one week, expense paid round trip from home or school to Hollywood, California) to THIRTEENTH PRIZE of \$200.00.

All winners will receive a tape of their show as produced for broadcast in addition to their cash prizes.

There is no entry fee. Deadline for the competition is midnight, May 31, 1974.

The competition is being sponsored by F.I.C.U., a non-profit, educational, public service corporation in Los Angeles and is open to every college and university student in the United States and Canada.

Students interested in entering the competition (or professors who would like to introduce the competition to students in their departments) should write to F.I.C.U., DRUG ENLIGHTENMENT PROGRAM, 1147 South Robertson Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90035 and ask for the **Information, Rules and Official Entry Form** brochure.

EDITORIAL

the tedium is the message

It is sometimes a severe constraint to be asked to write an editorial for the next morning. The mind must escape the daily hassles; the grey matter has to be dusted and prepared to work again. To write for a newspaper is like an alarm clock. You have voluntarily (stupidly, perhaps) set the clock yourself. You know it will bring you out of your quiet sleep. Still you will curse against the damn clock as it rings.

Nevertheless the job has to be done. First, one must think of a subject to talk about and remain entertaining, certainly not the way this article is going. Dear friends, a myriad of subjects cross my mind. But I do not dare talk publicly about most of them; I do not dare add my personal pinch of incompetency only to confuse the poor reader. Newspaper and magazines have given us too much information at random to really enlighten us.

I could write about the future of Macdonald College or about the recent Students Society meeting. This meeting amazed me along with many other students by the degree of non-participation. The rate is approaching suicidal proportions. But at some point, despite the risk of boring the reader if it is not already done, I have to choose a topic. Fees.

We all know the students remaining at Macdonald will pay more the next year, in the order of \$588 for a 30-credit course load. Paying tuition on a per-credit basis may seem logical for computers. However the new system seems less reasonable when one looks at it with human logic, with all its meandering ways.

Several programs of the B. Sc. restrain the student to follow a certain number of courses. For some, there is little room for choice. In the past, curious students could freely study an additional outside topic. Or one could take some advanced course although not required in the curriculum. Now the students will have to calculate, to weigh before choosing an extra course: the picketbook may take precedence over curiosity.

On the other hand, the arduous students, in the future taking only five courses instead of the frequent six courses per term, will have more free time. These students will have more time to participate in students activities and activism. The administration probably overlooked this point. All the hard working students will become much more available to extracurricular organizations. Things may start becoming noisy again at Macdonald. The administration should wisen up and permit good students to take extra courses free of charge to hinder excess activism.

Also the fact of uniformizing fees at first glance unfair. Traditionally it cost less to study in Agriculture or in Social Work than in Medicine or Dentistry. Obviously the doctors and dentists received dividends very quickly once in the work market. A typical example follows: The student in nursing will start working at \$6000 per year and perhaps climb to \$12000 after a number of years. The graduate in law may start at a relatively low salary and arrive at \$50000 per year after a while. Both students will have invested the same amount of time and money in the University.

Fortunately students will not choose any more to study in a certain faculty only because of lower fees. They will have to select from other considerations.

Finally we would hope that, having to pay higher fees here at the Macdonald Campus, we would get better service. But the Dean makes the point clear: there is no relation at all between fee increases and improved services within the Faculty. So it looks like another episode in the unending tale of "You pay more and get less". This event fits very well into history: after charging more for meals and serving more shit, after increasing residence costs and letting the residences deteriorate, now McGill has decided to increase fees with the possible intention of letting us endure overworked teachers and failing facilities. At least we can notice consistency in the trickery.

Hope still filters through the sombre smog. With the fee increase, students are less likely to take many extra courses, and there will be more time for enjoying life. With deterioration of the campus, there will be more to complain about and more possibility of activism and revival of student activities. Freed from excessive studies, students will be able to waste more time with friends and enemies, learning to help and understand.

Philippe Savoie

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QUEBEC FARM CREDIT

I have many friends that are devoting time and energies in the organization of the Harvest. When they came along to me and asked me to write an article on my summer job experience with the Quebec farm credit, it would have been embarrassing to say that I was too busy... because these guys are very busy themselves and they find time to do their share in their student community. So you have now the chance to read the first article of my very short journalistic career.

Many students at Mac are planning to go farming at the end of their course and are unaware of all possibilities the farm credit system in the province of Quebec is offering them. For these students here is a chart that summarizes the different kinds of loans available from that governmental agency.

If you have understood something in that chart, (you are smart), you are probably surprised to see how far credit is heavily subsidized in Quebec. I do not intend to debate here whether it is good or bad, but what I really want to say is that there is some money for the young farmer who wants to get established on a farm. If some day you ask for a loan and cannot get it, that means you are better to stay out of agriculture, because the government is really trying to invest some money in agriculture and if your project is not ac-

cepted, it is probably because it is not profitable and you wouldn't make a living out of it. The real problem is more to find the first \$5,000 to build your equity in your project than the remaining part of the capital needed. You will tell me it is hard to save that money but do not forget it is the same thing in the other sectors of the economy. If you plan to start a factory, nobody will give you the first \$5,000 and the terms on the borrowed capital will probably be heavier than in agricul-

ture. What I would suggest to you to overcome this is to rent land instead of buying it. With a five year lease contract, you can borrow all the money you need to produce and when you will have secured your position, you will be in a position to buy a profitable farm. In doing so you will be able to rent productive land that, anyway, you cannot afford to buy presently, but the returns of this productive land will be yours. To clarify this point, let us assume that you have \$25,000. If

you by a \$25,000 piece of land you're alright, but if you put that money in bonds etc. at 10%, you will get \$2,500/year and if you rent the same piece of land for \$1,000/year, you're even than if you had bought it, and you still have your capital. With all these city people buying land nowadays, this should be possible, because it would even help them to pay their taxes and they would be happy to have somebody looking after their estate when they are not there. So if you want to get

established on a farm without capital, the only way is to operate productive units (machinery, land capital, animals) that belongs to others and with their returns, buy them progressively as your financial position gets better.

Additional information on Farm Credit is available free of charge at: Quebec Farm Credit

945 Turnbull,
Québec, P.Q.

Gilles Mongrain

KIND OF LOANS	LENDER	LENGTH OF THE LOAN	MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF LOAN (\$)	MAXIMUM % OF THE VALUE OF THE WARRANTY.	PAYMENTS	INTERESTS
Farm Credit Law Longterm Special (Mortgage)	Quebec Farm Credit	39.5 yrs.	Individual: 40,000 Society: 60,000	90% / value of farm	Semi annuals + equals	2½% / 15,000 7 % / balance
Long Term Ordinary (Mortgage)	Quebec Farm Credit	39.5 yrs.	Individuals: 40,000 Society: 60,000	80%	Semi annuals + equals	2½% / 15,000 7 % / balance
Medium Term (Mortgage on animals + Machinery)	Quebec Farm Credit	15 yrs.	Individuals: 15,000 Society: 20,000	70% / Value of machinery + animals	Semi annuals + equals	2½% / 15,000 7 % / balance
Farm Improvement Law Medium Term Loan (To Buy Animals + Machinery)	Chartered Banks Credit Unions	10 yrs	\$15,000		According to the Rules of the Lender	The Govt. pays back 3% of the interest and guarantees the loan.
Farm Production Credit Law Short Term Loan	Chartered Banks Credit Unions	2 yrs.	\$15,000		After the harvest	Current rates the loan is guaranteed by govt.
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FAMILY FARM

How to Look at the Family Farm in Canadian Agriculture.

Many people have said the family farm is in jeopardy but Dr. David MacFarlane, Agricultural Economist and professor at Macdonald College, has set things straight. He is convinced that "this just isn't so."

"The Family Farm", he said, "has dominated Canadian Agriculture, continues to provide over 90% of Canada's farm production, and its future is certain."

He went on to explain: "It's a miracle the Family Farm has survived, because the returns to capital and management are far less, 1/2 to 2/3 those the city worker enjoys on his investment and labour. It's too big a cost to pay! Yet,

there is no better way to organize agriculture than the family farm."

He defines a Family Farm as a farm where the farmer and his family provide over 50% of the man-years of labour. "This has now come to mean where investment is usually over \$100,000. and in many cases far more."

"The place for the small farm (small family farm) is disappearing rapidly and working within an economic content, there will be a good deal of this. The real pitch" confirmed MacFarlane, "comes from those farms capitalized at well over \$50,000.

MacFarlane went on to say, "Even the well capitalized and efficient family farms, through the decade of the sixties and now into

the seventies, have been having to pull in their belts." The couldn't enjoy the life-styles and advantages that urban people had. Their children couldn't have the same educational opportunities as city children had. They were the peasants.

The "Hobby Farm" shouldn't be confused with the family farm. For Hobby Farming usually isn't considered as agriculture, nor does it provide any effective inputs into Canadian agriculture. The hobby farmer, is "interested in enjoying the amenities that rural people have, that city people don't have. He's interested in that the price of land is going up several percent each year."

"Agriculture is going to stay in a family farm content" insisted the professor, "even though the business relationships within which the family farm operates, are changing rapidly. There are continuous challenges from corporate farms, vertical integration and contract farming; but MacFarlane dismissed each of these, supposed replacements for the family farm.

"The Corporate farm," he said, "is not as efficient an operating unit as the family farm," and modern social pressures from unionizing farm-workers will limit their rizing development as it has in Ca-

lifornia. "But it doesn't take that - there are other reasons that the corporate farm is not as efficient an operating unit."

There are the management overheads with departmentalization - a family farm does not have these complications.

MacFarlane continued saying, "Much more than 90% of all integration and contract arrangements in agriculture, have the family farm organization because the explained that it was not necessary to get away from the family farm organization because the sec-

sector of agriculture is going to be vertically integrated or similarly contracted.

"The family farm is going to get bigger; there is nothing that can stop it." "Government" he said "has passed legislation and is pursuing certain policies, to not so much favor the family farm but to discourage the development of very large units. This then helps strengthen the existence of the family farm as we know it today. Government could do many more things to help the family farm's existence."

Yet, government is politicians and politics. These things are nebulous and consistently untrustworthy. The government, is with

it's one hand saying it wants more family farms and yet on the other had, it is using it's financial resources (Small Farms Development Act) to end the same family farm situation. Not that the act is bad but rather there is inconsistency.

Government could make or break the family farm. To help keep it, there should be very few limits applied to curb the family farm. Rather, there should be efforts made to make more available more services in technology and finances.

The farmers cannot create changes themselves, except by influencing government legislation and they are doing that.

The non-family corporate/contract, farm will in the future be restricted to "those areas where you can hire somebody at less than a decent standard of living." Other areas harbouring non-family farms will develop where unused technology and management can be put to use. These areas may be "in the production of poultry, fruit and vegetables" said MacFarlane. Generally speaking the future of the family farm is certain and its place in Canadian Agriculture is naturally central.

Peter S. Terauds



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